

PTO/SB/063b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. GMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete If Known	
				Application Number	10/750,481-Conf. #9859
				Filing Date	December 31, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Mark E. McDonald
				Art Unit	2828
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	30320/15126

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (# known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
E.M.		US 2002/0136104	09-26-2002	Daiber	
		6,658,031	12-02-2003	Tuganov et al.	
		6,763,047	07-13-2004	Daiber et al.	
		6,788,724	09-07-2004	Sell et al.	
		6,853,654	02-08-2005	McDonald et al.	

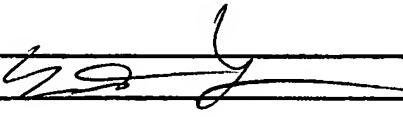
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (# known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
					T ⁶

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			T ²
E.M.					

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	02/27/06
--------------------	---	-----------------	----------

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office		Attorney Docket No. 30320/15126	Serial No. 10/750,481
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT				Applicant McDonald	
		Filing Date 12/31/03	Group 2828		

JUN 01 2004

RECEIVED
U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

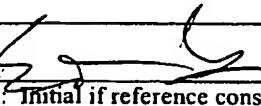
*Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
E.U.	6,498,800	12-24-02	Watterson et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initials	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
						Yes	No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

E.U.	Gilbert, et al. "Wavelength accuracy in WDM: Techniques and standards for component characterization," <i>Optical Fiber Communication Conference</i> (OFC 2002) pp. 391-393
E.U.	Niemi, "Dispersion measurements of fiber-optic components and applications of a novel tunable filter for optical communications," [online] (Projected publication June 2002)

EXAMINER 	DATE CONSIDERED 02/27/06
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	